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Dr Asa Gray
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Doctr.

At the meeting of the A. A. A. S. at Nashville, in 1877 I made the acquaintance of L. Ward, Prof Chickering Jun^r and Mr Canby, to which gentlemen I showed my then very small collection, all of Tennessee, and I gave each one specimens of the new Silphium which I at that time thought to be S. perfol. or var. of t. I had at that time not yet made the acquaintance of the veritable S. perfoliatum, which I have collected since. I always did rely on these gentlemen, whose opportunities are so much superior to mine, that they would pull the botanical alarm bell, if a stranger should appear in camp. Now I have sent a short notice to the Editor of the Gazette and it will now mark in rank on file, a rough recruite from Tennessee.

I have sent you to day a small package with plants from this years collection and beg you to set me right about them.

" Carex Arder Nº V, with acicus abundantly
on the place mentioned, viz. in a narrow parcel,
will not prove to be a new one.

Yours very respectfully

A Gattinger